

This Is Going To Be A Practical Christmas

A war-time Christmas is bound to be a practical Christmas—gifts selected with due regard to economy—service—usefulness and appropriateness.

It will be a Christmas when gift-purchases will be made discriminatingly.

We give you therefore a suggestive list of quality gifts for men—gifts men appreciate because they are practical, every-day, usable articles and being such, correctly reflect the thoughtfulness of the giver—they are such articles as a man, buying for himself or other men, would personally select.

It is always a good idea to buy a man's gifts at a man's store.

Suggestions

SWEATERS—Coat Sweaters and army style.

MUFFLERS—Angora and silk.

SHIRTS—Lined and unlined. Driving or Automobile Gloves, Wool Gloves.

NEW PATTERNS IN SHIRTS.

HOUSE COATS AND SMOKING JACKETS.

BATH ROBES AND BATH SLIPPERS.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Initialed, silk, linen.

SUSPENDERS; ALSO BELTS.

WARM CAPS.

HOSIERY—Silk, Fibre-Silk, Lisle, etc.

GLOVES—Lined or unlined. Driving or Automobile Gloves, Wool Gloves.

KNITWEAR—Appropriate patterns and styles.

SMALL JEWELRY such as Cuff Links, Scarf Pins, etc.

Many special war-time Christmas goods are in popular khaki color, while there are a host of attractive combinations of useful articles in special holiday boxes. A little money will go a long way here and buy many attractive gifts.

AN OVERCOAT IS A SPLENDID CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A BOY—LOW PRICES

JOHN F. KEANE & CO.

MAIN & JOHN ST. BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

COOKIES THAT MELT IN YOUR MOUTH

Butt cookies—Two cups brown sugar, one-half cup butter, two eggs, one-half cup sour milk, one even teaspoon baking powder in enough flour to handle dough, one-half teaspoon each of cloves, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg. Roll, bake in hot oven. Raisins or currants or both can be used with good results.

Chocolate cookies—One and one-half cups granulated sugar, one cup cream, one egg, one teaspoon soda; mix to a stiff dough, then grate one cup of Baker's chocolate; melt by placing cup in dish of boiling water. When melted work into dough, roll thin, cut with cookie cutter and bake in quick oven.

Macaroons—One egg (well beaten), one-half cup sugar, two thirds cup coconut, one cup rolled oats. Make into small, round cakes and bake in a quick oven until crisp.

Heads War Commission Sent Here By Brazil



Col. Alípio Gama is the head of the Brazilian war commission which has come to the United States to confer with us on the best method of employing the armed forces of Brazil in the war against the Germans.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK

(By Leo F. G.)

Me and pop and ma was up in the setting room after supper last nite, and I sed to ma, Ma, can I have a sent?

Dident you tell me if I gave you a sent this afternoon you woud be satisfied for the day? sed ma.

Yes mam, I sed.

Very well, then, sed ma. And after a wile I sed to pop, Pop, can I have a sent?

Dident your mother jest tell you wat you sed to her this afternoon? sed pop.

Yes, sir, I sed.

Very well, then, sed pop. And he kepp on smooking and thinking, and I picked up the evening paper and started to look at it, the first thing I saw being big hed lines saying, Gift of \$10,000 presented to the boy scouts.

Gosh, and heer I only want a sent, I thawt. And I turned over to the next page, the first thing I saw being, Rich man gives hospital \$500,000.

And maybe the hospital didnt even ask for a sent, I thawt. And I turned the paper all the way to the last page, and wat did it say there but, This city alone gives the Red Cross Fourteen Million Dollars.

Aw heck, I thawt. And I banged the paper down on the table and went out to see if any of the fellows was out.

QUAINT METHODS OF NOTICES OF BIRTHS OF OLD

Styles are changing even in birth announcements. A few months ago a French note announced the arrival of a son and heir in the following manner: "Since 12 o'clock last Friday I am here. Pierre Blouquet of — Infanterie is my father, and Marie, his wife, is my mother. My name is Francois."

Distinctly original was the announcement sent out by a certain Welsh musician when his wife presented him with a baby girl. This—the announcement, not the baby girl—took the form of four bars of music inscribed on a letter card.

The proud parents' musical friends recognized these as from the "Merrill," and being interpreted meant, "Unto us a child is born."

Sentiment was mixed with the announcement in the Times a few years ago to the effect that the wife of a South London resident had on Friday, Feb. 14, given birth to a valentine daughter.

Of course, a facetious gossip writer immediately took advantage of the proud parents' originality and pertinently inquired whether a boy born on Shrove Tuesday would be a pancake son, or twins who saw the light first on Christmas Day a couple of plum puddings!

Combining a birth announcement with an advertisement strikes one as the last word in enterprise, and Mr. Fox, a poultry dealer, who inserted the following notice in the daily papers, should be congratulated for the novel way in which he commended his wares: "Another little Fox found its way into my establishment between 10 and 11 last night, but notwithstanding its arrival there will be no diminution in the number or quality of the geese for which my establishment has long been famous. Remember that the old Fox is always cunning in securing for business the plumpest geese."—Tit-Bits.

HIS KODAK MILLIONS

CHIEFLY TO FAMILY.

W. H. Walker Asked That Charities and Education Benefit After His Widow and Daughter.

New York, Dec. 14.—The bulk of the estate of William H. Walker, who made millions out of the Eastman Kodak Co., goes to his widow, Mrs. Harriet P. Walker, and their daughter, Miss Gertrude D. Walker, under his will, filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court. Mr. Walker died Nov. 23. He lived at No. 23 West 54th street.

Many large bequests are made to friends and servants. The Brookside estate at Great Barrington, Mass., is given to the widow and daughter. For the maintenance of the estate a fund of \$1,500,000 is provided.

The will expresses the hope that when the use of the bulk of the fortune shall no longer be necessary to the maintenance and support of the widow and daughter, the estate shall be devoted to charitable or educational purposes, "rather than that it shall go to individuals who have no claims on me, to be used for their personal ends."

In leaving the residuary estate in trust for the widow and daughter in equal shares, Walker's will stipulates that if Mrs. Walker dies first her share is to go to Miss Walker. If the daughter dies first her share is to be disposed of as she sees fit by will. If she neglects to make a will her share is to go to Stevens Institute of Technology. Mr. Walker gave Stevens last year a new gymnasium costing \$125,000.

The dividends of 700 shares of common stock of the Eastman Kodak Co. of New Jersey go to the daughter. Mention is made that 700 shares had previously been set aside for Mrs. Walker.

Thirty-seven persons are beneficiaries under a clause leaving 50 per cent of his or her annual wages to every servant in Mr. Walker's employ five years and \$200 to every servant in his employ less than that period.

The Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington gets \$25,000 and the Visiting Nurses' Association of the same place \$10,000.

Ed Barrow resigned as president of the International League because the league officials cut his salary from \$7,500 to \$2,500.

Countless Women find—

that when suffering from nervousness, sick headache, dizzy spells and ailments peculiar to their sex—nothing affords such prompt and welcome relief, as will follow a few doses of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

A proven women's remedy, which assists in regulating the organs, and re-establishing healthy conditions. Beecham's Pills contain no habit-forming drug—leave no disagreeable after-effects. They are—

Nature's aid to better Health

Directions of Special Value to Women are with every box. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.



A joy recipe—

Give that boy a pair of skates, or a sled, "flexible flier," toboggan, double-ripper or something for out-of-door sports.

That's the formula for his winter happiness and good health.

We have the equipment.

Bring your youngster to our Toy and our Sporting Goods departments.

Watch the gleam in his eye—that will tell what he wants.

Lyon & Grumman, Retail Division

AMERICAN HARDWARE STORES

(Incorporated)

FAIRFIELD AVE. AND MIDDLE ST.

REVISE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT POLICY RATES

Revision of health and accident insurance policies so as to decrease the benefits is under consideration by the health and accident underwriters as a substitute for a proposed increase in rates. An increase of 24 per cent in the rates charged for existing contracts is held to be necessary if the full benefits are continued.

Increased losses under the liberal forms now sold by most of the companies is assigned as the reason for higher rates or a revision of terms. The policies now sold have been developed to the point of extreme liberality and it is contended that a revision reducing the liberal conditions will take the place of an increase in rates and permit the companies to continue in business on a profitable basis.

The fight for a revision of the terms of the accident and health form has been in progress for years but never has been anywhere near success. Some companies specialize in this form of policies and have introduced forms of policies which other companies are unable to meet or hesitate to duplicate. The experience of the liberal companies during the last two years has been bad and many of them are willing to discuss an increase of rates, but not a revision of policy conditions.

With an increase of rates the liberal form companies would be able to compete with the other companies on practically the same basis as that upon which they now compete, but with a standard form of policy these companies would jeopardize the business in which they have specialized it is argued.

For these reasons it is believed there is little prospect that important revisions of policy terms can be brought about. Those who favor revision, however, expect to win some concessions.

The question has been submitted to a committee of 15 representative companies and this committee will make a strong effort to bring about a reform helpful enough to render an increase of rates unnecessary. If the committee fails to agree on revision a further effort to bring about an increase of rates is expected.

Increased losses under the policies now sold have resulted from many of the "feature" terms of the contracts and friends of revision say these can be eliminated without serious changes in the basic conditions of the contracts. "Double indemnity" added tremendously to the costs of accidents. The increase in automobile accidents already has resulted in a revision of the contracts of policy companies. These companies require an increase of premium for full coverage of automobile accidents or offer a decrease in the standard rate where the automobile hazard is eliminated.

Other "feature" benefits which have resulted in increased costs include "double hospital" indemnity, increased surgical fees, full indemnity for non-confinement and other benefits that have been introduced in the business as "talking points" on account of the pressure of competition.

If revision is decided upon the companies will experience little difficulty in putting them into operation, for the contracts sold are annual contracts renewable or not at the discretion of the company. Whatever revision is decided upon is not expected to interfere greatly with the sale of contracts for the basic benefits will be continued.

WINTER CARE OF AUTOMOBILE TIRES

Jack up the car and put blocks under it so the weight is taken off the tires. If the room is dark and dry, the tires may be left on the wheels so it can be used quickly in case of an emergency or urgent need.

If you feel very confident the car will not be wanted for some months, then it would be better to take off the tires and store them in a dark, cool, dry place; for long exposure to daylight and sunlight will soon seriously injure the life and strength of rubber.

If the storage room is light and you are not confident the car will not be needed, then throw some old burlap or other cloth over the tires so as to protect them from the light.

If the car is one of the old models and you use dry cells for starting or for continuous ignition, then take the dry cells into the house where they

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Our Big 21st Anniversary Sale and Hooverized Pure Food Show

MEAT SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

Lean Fresh Shoulders.....25c lb.
Lean Fresh Hams.....30c lb.

Lean Fresh Pork Loins, Tenderloins, Hocks, Heads, Tails, Ears, Bones, Spare Ribs, Sausage and Leaf Lard.

Good Chuck Roasts of Beef.....20c to 22c lb.
Good Pot Roasts of Beef.....18c to 20c lb.

Prime Cuts of Beef.....24c, 26c, 28c & 30c lb.

Boston Rolls, Rumps, Clods, Calves Liver, Legs of Spring Lamb, Young Legs of Mutton, Forequarters of Lamb and Mutton.

SMOKED AND SALT MEATS.

Diamond Brand Bacon.....36c lb.
Sugar Cured Hams.....30c lb.

Corned Beef Tongues.....28c lb.
Corned Sticking Pieces of Beef.....20c lb.

Swift's Smoked Shoulders.....25c lb.
Corned Pigs Feet.....10c lb.

Smoked Beef Tongues.....28c lb.

POULTRY.

Stewing Fowl.....26c lb.
Choice Fowl.....30c lb.

Roasting Chickens.....34c to 36c lb.
Ducks.....33c lb.

Native Squab, Guinea Hens, Squab Guinea.

Sale Prices on Canned Vegetables and Fruits, Teas and Coffee Cereals, Rice Flour, Soaps, Powders, etc.

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After you have thought and thought, been all over town and looked at a thousand useless articles, you'll undoubtedly decide to give

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We have the largest display of Slippers in town.....60c to \$3.00

COME IN AND BE CONVINCED.

Leather Slippers, Felt Slippers, Satin Slippers

Don't Wait. Buy Your Rubbers Now.

Rubbers Are Becoming Scarce Every Day.

THE HOUSE OF BETTER SHOES.

OYSTERS

We have received from the wholesalers notice of a decided drop in the price of oysters. We handle nothing but Gardner Bay oysters for our opened stock, genuine Blue Points, Cape Cod Salts and Robbin Island for half-shells.

HAYES FISH CO.

629 WATER STREET

Tel. Barnum 412, 413, 2697

No Branch Market

OYSTERS

will be kept above freezing temperature and they will be ready for instant use. When frozen, they will not give a current, as just as dead as though worn out; but warming them up will quickly revive them.

If you use a storage battery, there will be no danger of its freezing at zero, or even a little below, if it is fully charged. If the hydrometer test shows the specific gravity is low, then better take out the storage battery and put it away where there will be no danger of its freezing.—Farm Life.

Useful Christmas Gifts of fur scarfs, muffs, children's fur sets, shirt waists, petticoats, camisoles, sweaters, trimmed hats, cloth coats, plush coats, raincoats, ostrich, bone, marabout capes, veils and velvets offered at exceptional bargain prices at R. H. Dillon & Co.'s, 1185 Main street—Adv.

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, NEW LONDON, CT.—A public hearing will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Bridgeport, at 3 p. m., Dec. 20, 1917, in the matter of establishing U. S. harbor lines in Johnson's River and in other portions of Bridgeport harbor where no lines have been established, and in revising harbor lines heretofore established, except in Black Rock harbor, so far as a revision may be desirable. Maps showing the existing and proposed lines may be seen at the City Engineer's office, Bridgeport, on and after Dec. 18. While for accuracy of record, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, oral evidence will be heard.

Advertise in The Farmer

Nottingham's

35th Anniversary Sale ENDS THIS WEEK

It will be a long time after the war ends when you can buy many articles at the extraordinary low prices they are offered in this sale. Particularly Rugs, which are going for less than the wholesale mill prices prevailing to-day. We are not wasting much space to elaborate on this matter.

It is simply up to you to read this advertisement over carefully and then get busy quick and take advantage of this rare money saving opportunity on the terms named below if you are in a position to do so. You really save nearly double what we tell you, because the discounts are quoted from our regular low fall prices which are much lower than they will be next season. In fact it is a question whether we can supply many things you can buy here now at any price next year.

15% Off For Cash With Order

On Our Entire Magnificent New Line of Furniture of Every Description; Our Great New Line of Rugs (excepting Whittall's), Carpets, Linoleum, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Drapery Fabrics, Couch Covers, Pictures, Refrigerators, Mattresses, Springs, Pillows, Baby Carriages, Sulkies, Strollers, etc.

10% Off For Cash With Order

On Glenwood Coal and Gas Ranges, Parlor Heating Stoves, Oil Heaters and Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets.

EXCEPTIONS! Whittall Rugs, Office Furniture, Climax Couches, Window Shades and Bissell Carpet Sweepers are not reduced.

EXTRAORDINARY! Our Charge Customers will also benefit in this remarkable Sale. They will receive a rebate of just half the discounts quoted above to cash customers on purchases made during this sale only, provided settlement of account is made in full before January 15, 1918.

Your purchase will be reserved for later delivery for a reasonable time if necessary. No goods held at cash discounts unless paid for.

A Plain Statement of Facts—If You Like to Do Business That Way COME AND SEE US.

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